

**ABSTRACT**

A method and system for protection against unauthorized distribution of copyrighted computer files by end-users over a peer-to-peer (P2P) network make use of the viral aspect of P2P network by providing a computer server including corrupted version of the copyrighted computer files, by connecting the computer server to the P2P network, and by allowing access to such corrupted version. The versions of the copyrighted computer files are so corrupted as to allow their identification by peer end-users as being the corresponding copyrighted computer files.